REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 3 has been amended to delete multiple dependency. No new matter has been added.

The application is now ready for examination on the merits. If there are questions regarding this Amendment, please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. ADAMS, Applicant

Bv·

William R. McClellan, Reg. No. 29,409

Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C.

600 Atlantic Avenue

Boston, Massachusetts 02210-2211

Telephone: (617) 720-3500

Docket No. G0720.70000US00 Date: November 24, 2003

xNDDx